

BRAC IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY – APRIL 15, 2008

- John Carman called the Committee to order at 7:35 p.m.
- Phil Alperson provided the following updates:
 - Workforce Development meetings are scheduled with NNMC, the MD Dept. of Labor, Licensing & Regulation (DLLR), the County Dept. of Economic Development's Workforce Investment Board (WIB), the U.S. Dept. of Labor, and DOD's Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA). NNMC-related workforce development issues are currently focusing on construction jobs at NNMC and long-term jobs created in the area's hospitality industry. Montgomery College is also actively engaged in these workforce development issues. Julie Woepke reported that the State DBED is setting up one-stop shops at Fort Monmouth in New Jersey and DISA in Virginia to help workers and their spouses transition to jobs at Fort Meade and Aberdeen Proving Grounds.
 - Phil hopes to invite Congressional experts to brief the Committee in the near future about DAR and other federal funding sources.
 - OEA is working with all regional BRAC communities to see if there are federal funding opportunities for their off-campus BRAC-related projects. Meetings are scheduled for next month to coordinate OEA, MDOT, DBED and local and regional agencies involved in all regional BRAC-related project proposals.
 - MDOT will also hold coordinating with BRAC Counties on their BRAC-related transportation projects.
- Neighborhood Update: Paul Thaler reported that Admiral Jeffries had a very cordial meeting to reach out to the Coalition of Navy Med Neighbors. Admiral Jeffries affirmed the Navy's intention to work closely with the neighbors throughout the BRAC process and that the Navy would like to BRAC Implementation Committee to serve as the Navy's regular point of contact with the community.
- NNMC Updates:

Captain Malanoski of NNMC reported that the Navy is committed to having a continuing rapport with the community. While the Navy would like to work through the BRAC Committee, Navy understands that the BRAC Committee will not be in place forever. For the time being, Ollie Oliveria will serve as the lead liaison with the Committee but that the formal means of community liaison will evolve.

Andrew Gutberlet reported that the Navy is committed to developing a post-BRAC Transportation Management Plan. The forthcoming Master Plan, which will be published later this year, will reflect that commitment but will not include a completed

TMP. Rather, the recently hired transportation manager will be developing a TMP over time. The manager will meet with the Committee in the near future.

Captain Malanoski wished the Committee farewell, as he is being reassigned to new duties in the National Capital region..

- Updates from State Highway Administration (SHA):

Dennis Yoder reported that the \$45 million programmed for BRAC-related intersection upgrades in the state's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) is currently on course. However, while all state transportation projects could be impacted by budget changes enacted recently by the General Assembly that will substantial sums from the transportation fund, BRAC intersection projects at NNMCMC, Fort Meade and Aberdeen remain top priorities. Dennis reported that \$45 million have been programmed for each of those BRAC communities. Surveying continues in Bethesda but there is nothing substantial to report at this time. There will be community meetings to discuss designs at an appropriate time in the future.

SHA is working on a discussion paper about a proposed Beltway slip ramp and ramp alternatives, and hopes to formally present it at the next Committee meeting.

- John Carman sought and received the Committee's approval of a letter to be sent to County Executive Leggett reflecting the Committee's response to the Final Environmental Impact Statement that was published on April 4, 2008. (attached)
- John Carman initiated a discussion about proposals to upgrade pedestrian and bike paths in the NNMCMC area. Shahriar Etemadi and Chuck Kines of MNCPPC and Gail Tait-Nouri of DPWT discussed policy issues and provided maps that the Committee and audience members could mark-up to identify priority needs for specific paths and sidewalks. The purpose of this exercise was to offer community input to help MNCPPC and DPWT develop a specific pathway proposal that the County Executive could propose to the County Council as a n amendment to the County's current Capital Improvement Program (CIP). It was noted that while the CIP could be amended, funds do not currently exist for new project construction, and there already exist unfunded projects on the CIP. Two maps were marked-up, and Chuck and Gail will provide a summary of Committee comments that can be discussed at the next Committee meeting, with a goal of a Committee letter to the County Executive expressing the Committee's specific preferences for pathway upgrades in the area. A map of the current Functional Master Plan for Bikeways and Trails in the NIH/Navy Medical Area is attached.
- John Carman solicited comments from the public. Ken Hartman, the new Director of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, introduced himself and welcomed the Committee and the audience members to contact him whenever necessary.
- John Carman solicited new topic suggestions for the next Committee meeting. Suggestions included further discussions of lobbying for federal, state and local funding

for BRAC projects, and discussing other ways the Committee can remain active once the Record of Decision (ROD) has been signed and construction begins.

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Services Center, at 7:30 p.m.

Committee members in attendance, April 15, 2008:

Phil Alperson, County BRAC Coordinator
Tim Stelzig for Jon Alterman, Bethesda Parkview Citizens Assn.
John Carman, Committee Chairman
Chuck Floyd
Leslie Weber for Brian Gragnolati, Suburban Hospital
Shahriar Etemadi for Royce Hanson, M-NCPPC
Ilaya Hopkins, East Bethesda Citizens Assn.
Ginanne Italiano, Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce
Janet Maalouf, Maplewood Citizens Assn.
Patrick O'Neil, Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce
Michael Plantamura, Chevy Chase View
Dennis Yoder for Andy Scott, MDOT
Gail Tait-Nouri for Mohammad Siddique, DPWT
David Smith and Geoff Biddle, Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board
Paul Thaler, Locust Hill Citizens Assn.
Dan Wheeland, NIH

Ex-officio:

Delegate Bill Bronrott
Sue Tabach (Sen. Mikulski)
Joan Kleinman (Rep. Van Hollen)
Rebecca Lord (Council Member Berliner)
Captain Mike Malanoski, NNMC
Andrew Gutberlet, NNMC

Other attendees

Gerald Cichy, Maryland Transit Administration
Jan Clark, USHUS
Dennis Coleman, NIH
Ellen Condon
Carmelina Evans
Ken Hartman, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Services Center
Tom Hayden, NIH
Richard Hoye, Council Member Trachtenberg
Chuck Kines, M-NCPPC
Mal Rivkin
Ralph Schofer
Julie Woepke, DBED Office of Military Affairs